

JAMES VALLEY

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

September 13, 2005

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service; Petition for FCC Agreement In Redefining the Service Areas of Rural Telephone Companies in the State of South Dakota Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 54.207(c)*
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 30, 2005, the South Dakota Telecommunications Association (SDTA) filed comments opposing the petition filed by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (SDPUC), in which the SDPUC asked the Commission to concur in its redefinition of the service areas of certain rural incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs), including James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company.

James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company hereby supports the comments filed by SDTA and urges the Commission to deny the SDPUC's proposal for redefining James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company's service area.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Rolayne Ailts Wiest, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Talbot J. Wieczorek

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